

## Future of VOCA Funding

### Where are we now?

- State Fiscal Year (FY) 23 began on July 1, 2022, and will end on June 30, 2023.
- \$20M of VOCA Bridge funding was included in the final state FY23 budget (thank you for your advocacy!)
- **As a result, most programs received supplemental contract amendments.**
- This minimized funding cuts to programs for FY23 ONLY.
- We are still seeking an additional \$40M of bridge funding through the economic development bill, which was not passed by the Legislature at the end of session.
- While this bill may be revived in the coming months, we are faced with some funding decisions that need to be made in the coming weeks.
- MOVA is working to develop a funding plan to maximize available funds with our currently known funding levels.

### **AT THIS TIME, PROGRAMS SHOULD ANTICIPATE FUNDING CUTS FOR FY 24 AND FY 25**

### How can you help?

We need the Legislature to revive and pass the economic development bill **H.5034** *An Act relating to economic growth and relief for the commonwealth.*

- This included an additional \$40M to support the next two fiscal years of VOCA Bridge funding and avoid any interruption of services.
- **Without this supplement, programs will be facing substantial funding cuts in FY24 and FY25.**
- To learn more about how you can continue to assist us in these efforts, please visit our toolkit [here](#).

We are grateful for your partnership and advocacy efforts to get us this far. MOVA continues to advocate for the economic development bill and will continue to emphasize the need to fully fund the multi-year VOCA Bridge.

Thank you for your patience as we work to make these difficult decisions. Expect more information on funding and procurement decisions in the coming weeks. Please feel free to reach out to your program coordinator with any questions.

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